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FROM THE CHAIR'S DESK

Dear MIMM members,

The landscape of research funding is changing. The resources available to carry on cutting-edge research are limited and the competition to obtain these limited resources is at an all-time high. What can we, as a Department and as a Research Centre, do to ensure that vital cutting-edge research proceeds without interruption?

To answer this question, we (MIMM and MDTC) have put in place three initiatives that will provide resources to support research programs. These are 1) the Radcliffe Collaborative Research Funds; 2) the Radcliffe Bridge funding program; and 3) the MDTC fund. These funds provide up to \$ 20 000 each for a variety of research projects extending from collaborative projects to bridge funding in-between grant competitions. To obtain more information about these programs, please contact [Maria Babiak](#) at our AEC. We continue working to increase the funding base of these programs as well as exploring new sources of research funding.

Financial resources are essential for our research. However, the drive to explore novel research questions that aim at solving fundamental problems is equally important and, in my opinion, even more important. For that, we all, faculty and trainees, have plenty of opportunities at McGill: from the best and brightest trainees to star professors and researchers, from intense data clubs to exciting seminars. So, please make sure that you participate in these and other initiatives, engage your colleagues and come up with the next Nobel-caliber research project. We will do our best to ensure that you get the resources!

Yours in service,

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TEACHING

MIMM Career Day, the third annual event convened (October 2, 2014) by Drs C. Krawczyk and S. Gruenheid, featured a panel of seven experts who spoke about their professional activities beyond science at university. Three speakers were master's graduates and four were doctoral graduates; all are Montreal-based. The morning-long session in our seminar room included a business analyst and a lawyer; a principal scientist and a director/consultant at small biotechnology companies; the director of biology at a major pharmaceutical company; the manager of a pre-clinical research program; and a scientist/immunologist. Significantly, three speakers received their academic training through our department.

Their presentations were varied and their styles indicated the signature of their personalities. All spoke of their inner voice that moved them to explore their own strengths and motivations to pursue their careers. Tellingly, their years

